

OPC
Thames Valley

Information Update
June 24, 2015

President's Remarks

We hope that this OPC update finds you well as you wrap up another school year and get ready for a well-deserved holiday! Our summer break is a good time for us to get rejuvenated, spend time with those most important to us and to reflect on the year past and make plans for next year.

As I conclude my year as your local OPC president, I once again thank you, our OPC executive, and Ron Jones for all the support I have received on multiple issues while fulfilling my role. I am optimistic for what lies ahead for our local OPC and for education in our district. I welcome our new president Michael Deeb, to his role and wish him and the new executive great success in leading us next year. There will no doubt be interesting times ahead.

Finally, on behalf of all of us, I congratulate our retiring colleagues for their successful careers and wish them health and happiness as they enter the next phase of their lives.
Have a safe and relaxing summer!

Jason Pratt
OPC President, Thames Valley

OPC - Thames Valley Elections

The following is the OPC Thames Valley 2015 - 2016 Executive

President: Michael Deeb

President Elect: Scott Purvis

Past President: Jason Pratt

Vice President: Linda Carswell

Vice President: Margaret Sullivan

Secretary: Sylvie Blais

Treasurer: Scott Armstrong

Provincial Councillors: Janet Williamson, Andrew Smith, Dave Westaway

Members At Large: Scott Askey, Matt Bradacs, Susan Bruyns, Melina DiCarlo, Tracy Langelaan, AnnMarie Luce, Paul Panayi, Dawn Ruddick, Regina Smith, Paul Sydor

Meeting Dates for 2015-2016

General Dinner Meetings and Executive Meetings

General Meetings

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| Oct.22/15 | 4:00 pm | Hellenic Centre |
| Feb.17/16 | 4:00 pm | Stoneridge |
| May 19/16 | 4:00 pm | Stoneridge |

Executive Meetings

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| Sept.1/15 | 3:00 pm | |
| Oct.1/15 | 8:00 am | Stoneridge |
| Dec.3/15 | 8:00 am | Stoneridge |
| Jan.7/16 | 8:00 am | Stoneridge |

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| Feb.11/16 | 8:00 am | Stoneridge |
| Mar.3/16 | 8:00 am | Stoneridge |
| Apr.7/16 | 8:00 am | Stoneridge |
| May 5/16 | 8:00 am | Stoneridge |
| June 9/16 | 1:00 pm | TBD |

Member Personal Information Update

Members are reminded that whenever they experience a change in assignment or location it is important that they report the changes to OPC Provincial at 1-800-701-2362 or www.principals.on.ca to ensure that their personal records are up to date.

OPC Assistance

Members are reminded that, if at any time they find themselves in a situation where they have questions or feel the need for additional support, they are encourage to contact OPC either locally or provincially.

The local executive would be happy to provide advice or assistance up to and including supporting members in a difficult meeting situation where such support is requested.

Where the situation would be better handled by provincial representation your local executive will encourage members to seek that assistance while providing the support possible at the local level.

OPC both locally and provincially are there to support the members. Please do not hesitate to seek this assistance at any time.

Professional Development

Members are often interested in learning about web sites that can provide them with valuable information regarding conferences.

The web site www.cde.ca.gov/re/ca/cc/ is one that members may find helpful.

Member Involvement

Appreciation is extended to all of the members who gave so generously of their time and expertise.

Your efforts have made a positive difference for your colleagues and for the Thames Valley system in general.

Staff Officer Posting

As you are aware, in May Staff Officer Ron Jones announced his intention to step down. On May 15/15 a posting was sent out by email announcing the upcoming vacancy and outlining the process that would be followed to select a new staff officer.

On June 5/15 the applicants were interviewed and we are extremely pleased to announce that Andy Rivett, who is retiring as principal of Jack Chambers Public School, will be assuming the role of Staff Officer.

During the fall there will be a transition period with Andy taking over the role fully no later than Dec.1/15.

I know that we all congratulate Andy and look forward to his support in the role of OPC Thames Valley Staff Officer.

Your Executive At Work

Some of the issues that the executive has been dealing with recently include:

Staffing, OPC Advocacy Program, Occasional Staff Shortages, Principal/VP Workload

Jason Pratt
OPC President

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